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GROUP OF SIX

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1. WHEAT CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN DUNKEL WAS PLEASED AT U.S.
APPRECIATION OF DUNKEL/PAROTTE INITIATIVE (REF A) WITH
RESPECT TO NEW DRAFTS FOR WHEAT AND COARSE GRAINS TRADE
CONVENTIONS REPORTED REFS C AND D. DUNKEL EMPHASIZED
THAT PRIMARY AIM OF PROPOSED SEPT 18-19 MEETING WAS TO
GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR DELEGATIONS TO COMMENT ON DOCUMENTS
SO THAT FINAL DRAFT VERSION FORWARDED TO FULL INTERIM
COMMITTEE COULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS INDEPENDENT EFFORT
BY DUNKEL/PAROTTE.

2. WHILE NOTING THAT U.S. AGREEMENT TO CIRCULATE
DOCUMENTS IN PRESENT FORM TO FULL INTERIM COMMITTEE
NEGATED TO LARGE EXTENT NECESSITY OF MEETING OR AT LEAST
REDUCED NEED FOR HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION, DUNKEL
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REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT GROUP OF SIX CAN MEET IN SEPTEMBER.
IN RESPONSE TO U.S. PREFERENCE FOR MEETING JUST PRIOR TO
OCT 16 INTERIM COMMITTEE (AS WELL AS AUSTRALIAN PREFERENCE
FOR SAME TIMING, WHICH WAS RELAYED BY PARKER TO
DUNKEL AT SUGGESTION OF LONDON-BASED AUSTRALIAN AGATT)
DUNKEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR DIFFICULT LOGISTICS
AND SUGGESTED THAT MID-SEPTEMBER MEETING COULD PERHAPS

MORE EASILY BE HELD IN WASHINGTON.

3. IN DUNKEL'S VIEW SEPTEMBER MEETING WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (1) TO REVIEW TEXT MATERIAL IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY IN ADVANCE OF OCT 16 INTERIM MEETING POINTS ON WHICH MISUNDERSTANDINGS STILL EXIST; (2) TO DISCUSS THE WAY IN WHICH FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD PROCEED; AND (3) TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S.

4. GIVEN THAT A NUMBER OF KEY PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT RETURN FROM HOLIDAY UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER (PAROTTE, BLUM, MINER) DUNKEL PLANS TO AWAIT FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. AT THAT TIME EITHER HE OR PAROTTE WILL CONTACT LONDON-BASED REPS TO TAKE SECOND READING ON USEFULLNESS AND TIMING OF MEETING. DUNKEL IS MAINTAINING SEPT 18-19 DATES AS WORKING HYPOTHESIS WITH LATE SEPTEMBER AND MID-OCTOBER AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

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